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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert A. Aekins, et al.

Examiner:

Serial No.: 09/982,073

Group Art Unit: 2817

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Confirmation No. 8240

For: DUAL REACTANCE LOW NOISE MODULAR CONNECTOR INSERT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, in the Cross-Reference to Related Application(s), please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph found at lines 7-9:

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The subject application claims the benefit of commonly owned, co-pending U.S.

Provisional Application Serial No. 60/279,385, filed March 28, 2001 and entitled

“Modular Jack,” the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

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